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1. AT TRIPARTITE MEETING APRIL 25 US REP PRESENTED US POSITION IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL A. UK REP (CROMARTIE) AGAIN EMPHASIZED BRITISH DESIRE TO MAKE ALLIED APPROACH TO SOVIETS--USING ARGUMENTS REPORTED REFTTEL B-- AND WENT ON TO REPORT THAT QUEEN HAD ALREADY REPLIED TO HEINEMANN LETTER ON LINES THAT SHE AGREES WITH AIM, AND THAT UK HAS WORKED FOR RELEASE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. CROMARTIE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO COORDINATE REPLY, BUT SAID EMBASSY HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED.

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2. FRENCH REP (PAYE) SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO FINAL

INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, AND WHILE HE PERSONALLY
FAVORED UK POSITION ALL HE COULD SAY OFFICIALLY
WAS THAT GOF HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO MAKING AN ALLIED
APPROACH AND WOULD GO ALONG. PAYE ALSO NOTED THAT,
SINCE QUEEN HAD ALREADY REPLIED AND NO UNIFORM ALLIED
LINE SEEMED POSSIBLE, US AND FRENCH SHOULD GO AHEAD
WITH OWN RESPONSES AS DESIRED.

3. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: IN VIEW OF QUEEN'S
REPLY AND FRENCH POSITION WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT
FOLLOWING TEXT BE US REPLY TO HEINEMANN (THIS IS DRAFT
CONTAINED REFTEL C, SLIGHTLY MODIFIED BECAUSE OF
CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES):

BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"I SHARE THE VIEW, EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 6, THAT
HUMANITARIAN REASONS EXIST FOR RELEASING RUDOLF HESS FROM
SPANDU PRISON. HE IS NOW EIGHTY
YEARS OLD AND IN ILL HEALTH. BASED ON THESE GROUNDS,
THE UNITED STATES HAS JOINED WITH GREAT BRITAIN AND
FRANCE IN MANY OFFICIAL APPROACHES TO THE SOVIET UNION
SINCE 1964 SEEKING THE REQUIRED
QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FOR MR. HESS' RELEASE.

WHILE THE RESPONSE TO ALL OF THERE APPROACHES HAS
BEEN UNEQUIVOCALLY NEGATIVE, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE
THAT MR. HESS SHOULD BE RELEASED AND STANDS READY TO
JOIN IN A FURTHER EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE AGREEMENT OF
THE SOVIET UNION AT ANY TIME THERE IS AN INDICATION
THAT SUCH AN APPROACH HOLDS A REASONABLE CHANCE OF
SUCCESS."

SINCERELY YOURS, RICHARD NIXON. END QUOTE.

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